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SUBJECT: NIGHT REACH - PROPOSAL TO PHOTOGRAPH NEXT MISSIONS

REF: STATE 226854

1. WE BELIEVE THAT ATTACHMENT OF PHOTO TEAM TO ANY NIGHT REACH MISSION INTO CAIRO MAY JEOPARDIZE OPERATIONS OF FUTURE US MILITARY FLIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF UNEF IN EGYPT.

2. ON NOVEMBER 1, FIRST NIGHT REACH MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF FINNISH CONTINGENT WERE REFUSED OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE BY GOE. WE WERE NOT INFORMED OF REASONS AT THE TIME, BUT BELIEVE THEY WERE RESULT OF GOE'S CONCERN THAT US MILITARY AIRCRAFT MIGHT BE USED FOR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES ON ARRIVAL AND
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DEPARTURE FROM CAIRO, REINFORCED BY GOE'S BELIEF THAT AT LEAST

TWO SR-71 MISSIONS HAD BEEN RUN INTO EGYPTIAN AIRSPACE IN PRECEDING WEEKS. GOE REFUSAL WAS OVERCOME WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY AND ONLY BY DIRECTLY INVOLVING FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY IN THE MATTER.

3. THERE IS NO REASON TO THINK THAT EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT'S SENSITIVITIES ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ESPIONAGE BEING CARRIED OUT BY NIGHT REACH MISSIONS HAS LESSENED; AND WHILE WE COULD REQUEST THEIR VIEWS ON ACCEPTABILITY OF PHOTO TEAM, BELIEVE THAT RAISING THE QUESTION WOULD IN ITSELF ADD TO THESE SUSPICIONS. ANSWER WOULD PROBABLY BE NEGATIVE, SINCE PHOTOGRAPHY IS NOT PERMITTED AT CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UNDER EVEN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF US PHOTO TEAM IN NIGHT REACH OPERATION WOULD SEEM UNUSUAL ENOUGH THAT GOE MIGHT REVIEW FUTURE REQUESTS FOR OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING OF US MILITARY AIRCRAFT AS LONG AS PRESENT SITUATION LASTS.

4. THEREFORE, REQUEST THAT PHOTO TEAMS NOT, RPT NOT, BE INCLUDED IN NIGHT REACH FLIGHTS.
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